

DATE: March 10, 2022

BILL NUMBER: HB 774

COMMITTEE: Appropriations

BILL TITLE: Human Services – Universal Basic Income for Transition–Age Youth – Establishment

DHS POSITION: Letter of Information

The Department of Human Services (the Department) respectfully submits this letter of information regarding House Bill 774 (HB 774). HB 774 establishes the Universal Basic Income for Transition- Age Youth Program within the Social Services Administration (SSA).

This bill assists foster youth on their 18th birthday after October 1, 2022, and who are residing in Out-of-Home Placement on their 18th birthday. The bill supports these youth financially by providing them with cash payments in the amount of \$1,000 monthly for approximately 3 years.

Currently, HB 774 does not clearly outline eligibility criteria in the definition of youth aging out of care. In fact, many youth stay in the care of the department until age 21, at which point the payments will have ended. These youths are already supported utilizing available state resources allocated by the department.

The Department determined the fiscal impact in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 is \$4,999,189 and FY 2024 going forward, the average salary including non-personnel cost to be \$5,027,246.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to share the aforementioned information regarding HB 774 for the Committee's consideration.

